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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW

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RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices on slaughter steers and heifers declined at most midwest terminals. The downturns were influenced by lower dressed beef prices and the seasonal pre-Thanksgiving week shift in consumer demand to poultry. Most slaughter steers at Chicago sold 50¢-\$1.50 lower with bulk sales at other midwest centers 25-50¢ off. The week's hog receipts were among the largest of the year. Prices on barrows and gilts were steady to 25¢ lower for the week. Slaughter lambs sold steady at most centers.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of salable cattle at the 12 markets totaled 250,000 head or 20,000 less than in the previous week but 48,000 more than a year ago. The number of slaughter steers sold out of first hands at the 7 markets at 76,440 compares with 75,460 the previous week and 69,484 a year ago. Prices declined on slaughter steers and heifers at midwest markets with lower dressed beef prices influencing the downturns. At Chicago, slaughter steers sold 50¢-\$2.00 lower, mostly 50¢-\$1.50 off, with Prime steers over 1200# and Choice under 1050# showing the least decline. At other midwest terminals fed steers sold unevenly steady to \$1.00 lower, however, the bulk of the steer supply was 25-50¢ lower. Most decline was on Standard and Good steers. Slaughter heifers at Chicago closed 50¢-\$1.50 lower, with sales at other terminals steady to 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off. At most markets, slaughter cows were steady to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up, however, sales were 50¢ lower at Omaha and Utility and Commercial cows at Chicago sold 50¢-\$1.50 lower. Bulls ranged from steady to \$1.50 lower; vealers steady to \$2.00 lower.

At Chicago 25 loads of high-Choice and Prime 1175-1390# slaughter steers brought \$28.25-28.50, load \$28.75; same grades 1500-1600# \$25.00-27.00; most Choice and Prime \$25.00-28.00; Good \$23.00-24.75 late. Choice steers at the other midwest terminals bulked at \$24.00-25.75; high-Choice and high-Choice and Prime \$25.75-27.50; Good and low-Choice \$22.00-24.25. At Chicago, high-Choice and Prime heifers sold at \$25.50-26.25; Good and Choice closed at \$22.00-25.00. Good and Choice heifers elsewhere realized \$21.00-24.50, some high-Choice and low-Prime up to \$25.50. Utility and Commercial cows sold at \$12.50-15.50; Cannors and Cutters mainly \$10.00-13.50. At St. Louis National Stock Yards, Good and Choice vealers sold at \$25.00-30.00, Prime to \$32.00 late. At So. St. Paul, Good and Choice vealers brought \$23.00-27.00, high-Choice and Prime \$28.00-30.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - The movement of stocker and feeder steers throughout major producing states continued to taper off seasonally but supplies were ample for a rather dull trade. Shipments of stocker and feeder steers from the 10 markets at 34,146 compared to 39,503 the week previous and 26,051 a year ago. Outgo of calves from these markets totaled 37,482 compared to 34,642 and 26,474. Prices were lower on all stocker and feeder classes and the average price of stocker and feeder steers at the 10 markets at \$23.65 was \$3.33 below a year ago and the lowest since February 1958. The week's downturn was influenced by further declines on slaughter cattle. Price trends on stocker and feeder steers and heifers were steady to \$1.00 lower with stock calves weak to \$1.50 off, and stock cows weak to \$1.00 lower.

Good and Choice 800-1000# feeder steers sold at \$20.50-23.50, liberal share \$21.00-22.50, few loads Choice, including partly fattened usually under 950# \$24.00-25.50, while occasional loads Good over 1000# sold down to \$19.75. Medium feeder steers brought \$17.50-21.00. Good and Choice 525-800# stocker and feeder steers sold from \$22.50-27.50, mostly \$23.50-26.00, load Choice and Fancy 580# weights at Kansas City \$27.60; Medium and Good stockers \$19.00-25.00, few lots Common \$16.00-17.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$20.00-24.50, Common and Medium \$14.00-19.00. Good and Choice stock steer calves brought \$22.00-30.00, few lots Choice at Omaha and Sioux City \$32.00-34.50. Load Choice 312# stock steer calves at Denver Friday cashed at \$35.50 with bulk Good and Choice steer calves \$28.00-34.00. At Kansas City Friday bulk Good and low-Choice steer calves ranged from \$23.00-27.00. At midwest markets Good and Choice heifer calves brought \$21.00-28.00 during the week, few sales Choice \$29.00-30.00. Common to Good stock cows sold from \$11.50-17.50.

HOGS - Combined receipts in the Interior Iowa-So. Minnesota area and at the 12 markets were the largest in three years except for the first week in November this year. The bulk of the butcher supply was made up of mixed No. 1, 2 and 3, 200-250# consignments. Sows comprised from 9-14 percent of the supplies at the various markets and made up almost 9 percent of the Interior run.

Price changes were moderate on a daily basis. However, there was generally a weakening tendency as declining pork prices at wholesale centers and slow movement of the product, influenced by the seasonal poultry

competition, proved bearish in the live market. Compared with Friday of the previous week, closing sales were largely steady to 25¢ lower. Butchers weighing over 230# were under the most price pressure. Most butchers sold in mixed No. 1-3 lots and limited sorting was confined mainly to weight uniformity. Sows sold from 50¢ lower to 25¢ higher with a large portion steady to 25¢ lower.

Closing sales Friday at the public markets on mixed U. S. No. 1-3 butchers 190-240#, including a few 180-190# at eastern points and a few 240-260# lots at other markets, were made at \$12.00-13.00, liberal share \$12.25-12.75, and some up to \$13.25 in the eastern Corn Belt. No. 1 and 2 selected lots at Missouri River markets sold at \$12.75-13.25 and \$13.25-13.75 in the eastern part of the area. Direct sales in the Interior area on mixed No. 1-3, 200-240# butchers, including a few 190-200# lots, closed the period at \$11.50-12.50 with a limited volume of No. 1 and 2 selected lots \$12.40-12.75 and a few high-yielding, mostly No. 1, \$13.00-13.25.

Feeder pigs at Sioux City sold 25-50¢ lower and sales at So. St. Paul were weak to 50¢ off. Medium and Good 130-170# pigs at Sioux City sold at \$9.50-10.00, few \$10.25; Good and Choice feeders at So. St. Paul brought \$10.00-10.50. Sales were steady at Memphis with Good 120# pigs at \$10.50; Common and Medium 40-140# \$8.00-10.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets were 28 percent below the previous week, but were 32 percent above a year ago. Prices on slaughter lambs were largely steady. However, sales were 50¢-\$1.00 higher at Chicago and strong to 50¢ up at St. Louis, but on the other hand prices were weak to 50¢ lower at Denver and \$1.00 off at Fort Worth. Slaughter ewes sold mostly steady; feeder lambs steady to \$1.00 lower at most points. Choice and a few Choice and Prime 85-112# woolled slaughter lambs sold at \$18.00-19.00; bulk Good and Choice 75-115# \$17.00-18.50; Utility and Good \$13.00-17.50. High-Good to mostly Choice 85-105# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts sold from \$17.50-19.00, some mostly Choice 117# with No. 1 pelts \$17.00 at Sioux City. Most Good and Choice 80-105# with fall shorn, No. 1 and 2 pelts sold at \$17.00-18.00, some Good and Choice with No. 2 and 3 pelts \$17.00. Scattered lots Utility and Good slaughter yearlings sold from \$13.00-15.50, some Good and Choice to \$16.00 at Chicago. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes sold from \$2.50-6.00, few Good \$7.00 at Fort Worth. Good and Choice 64-84# range feeder lambs sold from \$17.00-18.75, while the same grades of native feeders sold from \$15.00-17.50; Medium and Good native feeders \$14.00-17.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade out of California and Arizona feedlots fairly active with prices mostly steady in Arizona; firm on Choice steers 1200# down in California, other weights and grades along with heifers steady to 50¢ lower; stocker and feeder cattle trading confined mostly to Arizona, prices reflecting declines of \$1.00-2.00 over past 2 weeks; slaughter lambs 50¢-\$1.00 lower.

Slaughter steers: In California, load Prime 1250# and 3 loads Choice 900# \$26.50; 35 loads Choice 1125# down \$26.00; high-Good and Choice 1175# down over California and Arizona \$23.75-25.75 with nothing above \$25.00 in Arizona; mostly Good 900-1250# chiefly \$22.50-23.75; Standard and Good up to 1200# \$21.00-22.65. **Slaughter heifers:** In California, Choice 800-875# \$25.00-25.50; high-Good and Choice up to 1000# \$24.00-25.00; 9 loads mostly Good 800-900# \$22.00-23.50.

Stockers and feeders: Scattered lots Good and Choice 500-760# feeder steers \$22.50-24.25; 1,400 Good 600-700# \$20.40-21.00; few lots Good and Choice stocker and feeder heifers \$21.50-22.00; Good and Choice 375-480# stock steer calves \$25.00-28.00, heifers \$24.75-26.00.

Slaughter lambs: In California, Good and Choice shorn slaughter lambs with mostly No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$17.00-18.00, few loads late in the previous week \$19.00. In Utah, 25 loads Good and Choice woolled slaughter lambs under 110# \$17.50-18.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - Trading on fed cattle direct at the feedlots in Northern Colorado was slow as the demand was curtailed somewhat, due partly to the approaching Thanksgiving holiday. Sales were confirmed on 171 loads of fed cattle compared to 203 loads the previous week and 198 loads a year ago. Fed steers sold 25-50¢ lower; fed heifers 15-65¢ lower, mostly 50¢ off. Late last weekend 5 loads average-Choice to Prime 1080-1150# fed steers \$27.50, 2 loads mostly average-Choice \$26.75. During the current week 56 loads high-Good to average-Choice 1075-1250# \$25.50-26.00. Thirty loads average to high-Choice 850-975# fed heifers \$25.50-25.75; 71 loads high-Good to average-Choice 850-1100# \$24.25-25.00; 4 loads average-Good to low-Choice \$23.50; 3 loads Standard to low-Good \$22.10.

Very few direct country sales on stocker and feeder cattle and calves confirmed as most buyers continue to fill their need at the various

special feeder auctions. Feeder yearlings sold steady while calves were strong to \$1.00 higher. Colorado: 9 loads Good and Choice 587-700# feeder steers \$24.75-26.50; string of over 200 head Good and Choice feeder heifers \$23.00; 4 loads Choice and Fancy calves, 410# steers \$36.00, 385# heifers \$30.00; 9 loads Good and Choice, mostly Choice, 353-485# steer calves \$29.00-33.00; 8 loads same grade 325-378# heifer calves \$26.50-29.85. Western Kansas: 5 loads Medium to mostly Good 825# feeder steers \$22.50.

In Northern Colorado 2 loads Good and Choice 101# slaughter lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$17.75. Arkansas Valley, Colorado: 4 loads Good and Choice woolled 105# fed lambs \$18.50 delivered Denver. North Platte Valley, Nebraska: 2 loads Good and Choice 105# lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$17.00. Southern Wyoming: 500 Good and Choice two-year-old ewes \$25.00 per head.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Direct trade on slaughter steers much more active than in recent weeks as confirmed sales totaled 121 loads at 25-50¢ lower price levels. Fed heifers extremely slow, 3 loads sold about steady. Confirmed sales stockers and feeders totaled 14,980 at 50¢-\$1.00 lower prices, many stock calves \$2.00 off in the Amarillo area.

Bulk Good and low-Choice 980-1150# fed steers \$23.50-25.00; 8 loads 1000-1050# early in week carcass basis \$40.50 on Choice and \$39.00 for Good; 3 loads Good 847-860# fed heifers \$23.75.

Good and Choice stocker and feeder steers \$23.00-26.00, mostly \$25.50 down, few Medium

\$21.75-23.00; Good and Choice stocker and feeder heifers \$21.50-24.00; Good and Choice stock calves, steers \$26.00-30.00, heifers \$24.50-27.00; 100 Choice stock cows \$225.00 per head and 6 loads Good 975-1000# \$150.00-155.00 each.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Prices on slaughter steers steady to strong, heifers steady to weak, instances 50¢ lower; stocker and feeder cattle steady to weak; stock calves steady to \$2.00 lower; slaughter and feeder lambs 25-50¢ off.

Washington - Choice 1050-1200# slaughter steers \$25.75-27.00; Good and Choice 1000-1150# \$25.00-26.00. Idaho - Choice 1000-1025# fed steers \$26.00 for December delivery, most Choice 1000-1125# \$25.25, including 3 loads for early December; average-Good 1050# \$21.50. Good to mostly Choice 875-1100# fed heifers \$22.50-24.50 in the 3 states.

Washington - Good feeder heifers \$19.00. Idaho - Choice 300-350# stock calves, steers \$29.00, heifers \$27.00; Medium and Good 800-900# stock cows \$155.00 per head. Oregon - Good and Choice 620# yearling stock heifers \$20.00; Good and Choice 400-480# stock calves, steers \$22.50-25.00, heifers \$18.75-22.00.

Choice 103-106# No. 1 pelt slaughter lambs in Washington \$18.50. Idaho - Choice and Prime 109-115# woolled slaughter lambs \$17.25-17.50 with mostly Choice 105# lambs \$18.00; Good 115-118# woolled lambs \$16.30.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Livestock trading over the area was extremely limited, this due at least in part to rather severe weather conditions.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep	
	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 21	Nov. 22
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Chicago	49,029	45,227	450	989	55,588	51,251	7,918	8,010
Cincinnati	4,271	3,876	615	596	13,559	8,956	1,745	1,233
Denver	19,824	11,474	6,854	1,808	4,886	2,911	12,245	10,167
Fort Worth	6,381	5,615	2,873	1,736	2,074	1,782	4,284	3,861
Indianapolis ...	7,201	7,791	813	898	38,629	43,745	3,792	5,811
Kansas City	22,457	20,578	1,890	2,450	19,385	14,752	4,648	4,087
Oklahoma City ..	10,177	7,763	2,145	1,481	3,636	2,616	1,230	1,196
Omaha	38,176	36,057	6,169	4,455	59,781	50,752	10,007	11,120
St. Joseph	15,505	11,937	1,098	1,124	30,973	31,542	3,901	4,024
St. Louis NSY ..	15,311	13,607	3,140	2,327	74,063	59,544	5,149	5,164
Sioux City	37,231	33,278	12,115	6,129	65,205	56,225	8,531	4,624
S. St. Paul	24,469	4,582*	9,891	1,786*	75,864	11,699*	18,211	2,754*
Total	250,032	201,785	48,053	25,779	443,643	335,775	81,661	62,051
Nov. 14, 1959 ..	269,945		44,405		416,478		114,021	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Nov. 21, 1959	Nov. 14, 1959	Nov. 22, 1958
Hogs	440,000	415,000	404,500
Sheep ...	23,700	19,700	14,500

* Yard closed Monday-Thursday due to Embargo.

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Nov. 19 1959	Nov. 20 1958	Nov. 19 1959	Nov. 20 1958	Nov. 19 1959	Nov. 20 1958	Nov. 19 1959	Nov. 20 1958
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,291	4,670	7.1	15.7	1,236	1,266	27.87	27.42
Choice.....	21,500	20,627	66.7	69.1	1,153	1,172	26.39	26.58
Good.....	6,852	4,036	21.3	13.5	1,107	1,082	25.04	25.68
Standard.....	1,148	507	3.6	1.7	1,010	1,056	23.37	24.51
Commercial.....	17	--	.0	--	1,527	--	22.50	--
Utility.....	411	--	1.3	--	1,065	--	20.03	--
All grades.....	32,219	29,840			1,143	1,172	26.05	26.58
OMAHA								
Prime.....	84	1,029	.5	7.7	1,294	1,181	26.78	26.69
Choice.....	8,332	6,986	54.0	52.0	1,120	1,130	24.96	26.00
Good.....	5,935	3,730	38.5	27.8	1,122	1,117	23.51	25.05
Standard.....	964	1,653	6.2	12.3	1,087	1,178	21.26	23.57
Utility.....	122	25	.8	.2	1,106	1,062	18.78	20.96
All grades.....	15,437	13,423			1,120	1,136	24.13	25.48
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	103	150	.9	1.4	1,218	1,147	27.00	27.13
Choice.....	5,842	7,764	51.2	71.9	1,130	1,138	24.97	25.74
Good.....	4,658	2,267	40.8	21.0	1,068	1,101	23.92	24.96
Standard.....	619	525	5.4	4.9	1,087	1,091	22.17	23.77
Utility.....	197	89	1.7	.8	1,061	1,171	20.96	22.51
All grades.....	11,419	10,795			1,102	1,128	24.36	25.48
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	4	--	.0	--	1,039	--	27.50	--
Choice.....	1,320	1,233	28.2	28.2	1,116	1,154	25.83	26.48
Good.....	2,685	2,451	57.2	56.0	1,107	1,143	23.20	24.73
Standard.....	624	682	13.3	15.6	1,026	1,102	21.05	23.47
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	59	9	1.3	.2	1,108	1,049	17.43	21.25
All grades.....	4,692	4,375			1,099	1,140	23.62	25.03
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	639	1,172	15.3	30.0	1,030	1,042	26.33	26.69
Good.....	2,486	2,059	59.6	52.6	1,048	1,069	24.59	25.43
Standard.....	653	658	15.7	16.8	981	1,061	22.52	23.86
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	390	23	9.4	.6	938	773	19.96	20.73
All grades.....	4,168	3,912			1,024	1,058	24.15	25.52
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	3	--	.1	--	1,110	--	28.50
Choice.....	3,448	1,618	51.6	31.4	1,121	1,077	25.25	26.73
Good.....	2,628	2,416	39.4	47.0	1,109	1,121	23.36	25.27
Standard.....	568	1,070	8.5	20.8	1,050	1,132	20.71	23.68
Utility.....	32	38	.5	.7	1,000	944	17.26	22.20
All grades.....	6,676	5,145			1,110	1,108	24.11	25.36
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,163	980	63.6	49.1	1,124	1,202	26.02	26.34
Good.....	652	1,014	35.6	50.9	1,084	1,134	24.69	25.49
Standard.....	14	--	.8	--	1,293	--	21.20	--
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	1,829	1,994			1,111	1,168	25.51	25.92

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Four months	
	Nov. 19 1959	Nov. 12 1959	Nov. 20 1958	Oct. 1959	Oct. 1958	July - Oct. 1959 1958
Steers - 1001# up	753	743	1,381	4,204	3,854	14,839 17,928
901-1000	2,129	2,422	1,893	13,915	11,303	48,619 49,684
801-900	4,774	5,688	4,616	26,993	24,959	83,126 82,600
701-800	8,655	11,719	5,166	55,499	45,513	123,499 112,255
501-700	17,835	18,931	12,995	95,768	92,712	260,166 226,857
Total steers 10 mths.	34,146	39,503	26,051	196,379	178,341	530,249 489,324
Av. wts. " " "	707#	711#	723#	716#	712#	719# 731#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.65	\$24.12	\$26.98	\$24.93	\$26.72	\$25.76 \$26.09
" " " Chicago	26.53	24.72	26.87	25.82	27.14	26.42 26.18
" " " Ks. City	22.85	23.62	26.54	24.41	25.80	25.24 25.38
" " " Omaha	23.98	25.17	28.19	26.30	27.79	26.82 27.32
" " " S. St. Paul	20.87	22.08	29.41	23.57	25.40	24.26 24.68
" " " Sioux City	24.18	25.61	27.56	26.07	27.58	27.05 26.88
" " " Denver	24.07	24.97	27.61	25.67	27.68	26.09 27.07
" " " Ft. Worth	28.67	22.15	23.92	22.68	25.26	24.75 25.14
" " " Okla. City	21.15	22.42	25.80	22.02	24.57	24.67 25.04
" " " S. St. Joseph	22.57	22.06	26.43	23.30	25.07	25.12 24.89
" " " Natl. Stk. Yds.	23.55	22.76	25.06	23.13	24.44	24.52 24.31
Total calves-10 mths.	37,482	34,642	26,474	116,786	139,946	293,314 294,562
" heifers " "	5,867	5,336	4,137	31,894	36,757	99,923 107,059
" cows " "	2,055	2,273	2,972	6,100	8,779	14,811 19,083

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and Mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
Nov. 21, 1959	340	196.9	110	12.4	1,570	214.8	225	10.6	434.7	--
Nov. 14, 1959	360	211.3	116	13.5	1,510	206.6	265	12.5	443.9	--
Nov. 7, 1959 1/	379	--	111	--	1,619	--	294	--	--	52.9
Nov. 22, 1958 1/	331	195.3	110	12.4	1,363	190.9	197	9.4	408.0	47.4
Percentage change from:										
Nov. 14, 1959	-6	-7	-5	-8	4	4	-15	-15	-2	--
Nov. 22, 1958	3	1	0	0	15	13	14	13	7	--
Week ended	Average weight (lb.)									
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs		Lard	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	per 100 lb.	
Nov. 21, 1959	1025	579	200	113	240	137	99	47	--	
Nov. 14, 1959	1030	587	205	116	240	137	99	47	--	
Nov. 7, 1959	1035	590	205	116	236	136	98	47	--	
Nov. 22, 1958	1050	590	204	113	244	140	98	48	14.3	

1/ Actual slaughter.

2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		Los Angeles	
	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.
	21	22	21	22	21	22	21	22	21	22
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	27.60	28.05	--	--	26.92	27.82	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.98	27.58	--	--	26.92	26.90	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	26.38	27.28	25.50	26.98	25.35	26.70	26.15	26.62	25.50	26.12
1100-1300	26.25	26.60	25.38	26.60	25.20	26.28	26.15	26.18	25.00	25.38
Good 900-1100	24.48	25.60	23.30	25.35	22.95	25.25	23.30	24.50	23.38	24.88
Standard-All wts.	22.55	24.25	20.12	23.20	20.08	23.32	20.25	21.62	21.00	23.75
Heifers -										
Choice 600-800#	--	26.70	24.88	26.62	24.52	26.75	24.72	26.38	25.12	25.38
Good 500-900	23.42	25.60	22.68	24.94	22.45	25.44	22.30	24.62	23.12	24.25
Standard-All wts.	21.28	23.75	19.38	22.70	19.95	23.48	19.25	21.50	20.50	23.12
Cows - All weights-										
Commercial	15.20	19.88	16.00	20.48	14.62	19.25	16.12	20.18	16.58	20.00
Utility	13.52	18.35	14.38	18.80	13.38	18.08	14.25	19.08	15.22	18.62
Canner & Cutter	11.75	16.52	11.50	16.45	10.75	15.90	11.00	16.48	12.50	16.25
Bulls - All wts. -										
Utility & Com'l.	19.81	24.19	18.62	21.06	18.80	21.54	19.25	23.12	22.25	24.75
Calves - 500# dn.-										
Choice	--	--	23.00	26.00	--	--	--	27.00	--	29.25
Stand. & Good	--	--	19.62	23.50	--	--	--	23.00	25.25	26.25
Vealers - All wts.-										
Choice & Prime	--	33.70	27.00	30.00	26.50	27.50	--	29.00	--	--
Stand. & Good	28.10	29.25	23.50	26.50	23.75	24.00	--	25.25	28.25	--
<u>Feeder and stocker cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	28.75	30.70	25.20	30.25	27.55	30.75	26.00	28.75	--	--
Good " "	26.20	27.75	23.10	27.50	24.68	26.00	24.25	27.25	24.00	25.38
Medium 500-1000	22.80	24.50	20.05	24.00	21.42	23.50	21.50	24.00	21.25	23.00
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750	--	27.75	22.75	27.50	24.80	28.00	23.00	26.25	--	--
Med. & Gd. " "	--	24.75	19.75	24.25	21.65	23.75	20.25	23.75	--	--
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	15.00	19.00	13.75	20.00	13.00	19.25	14.00	19.00
Calves - 300-500#-										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	34.50	28.00	35.00	30.15	36.25	28.40	35.00	26.50	31.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	30.50	23.60	31.00	26.20	32.00	25.80	32.00	24.00	--

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

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1/ Embargo.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 21, 1959	12.55	12.62	12.31	12.16	12.03	12.20	12.09	12.87	12.34
	Nov. 14, 1959	12.95	13.12	12.49	12.69	12.53	12.68	12.46	13.25	12.77
	Nov. 22, 1958	17.89	18.07	17.71	17.41	17.34	17.44	2/	18.02	17.70
Sows	Nov. 21, 1959	9.98	10.33	10.20	10.11	9.90	10.37	9.93	9.79	10.05
	Nov. 14, 1959	10.26	11.02	10.55	10.45	9.96	10.65	10.44	10.36	10.46
	Nov. 22, 1958	15.90	15.75	16.24	15.62	15.42	15.89	2/	15.56	15.70
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 21, 1959	229	220	230	232	232	225	222	228	227
	Nov. 14, 1959	229	223	230	232	233	225	224	227	228
	Nov. 22, 1958	229	226	229	235	234	228	2/	228	230
Sows	Nov. 21, 1959	434	404	418	421	416	389	406	444	417
	Nov. 14, 1959	432	399	422	419	420	397	408	437	416
	Nov. 22, 1958	438	423	431	433	433	402	2/	457	435
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 21, 1959	43256	65227	17176	49545	57149	26600	57065	32128	348146
	Nov. 14, 1959	36315	55935	15009	49860	56577	30041	54192	30025	327954
	Nov. 22, 1958	39858	52026	13210	43032	48957	28805	2/	35359	261247
Sows	Nov. 21, 1959	6775	6903	1667	6239	5340	2672	7843	4532	41971
	Nov. 14, 1959	4705	5711	1315	5465	4255	2797	8597	3966	36811
	Nov. 22, 1958	5716	4601	1137	5656	4649	1927	2/	5334	29020
SOWS		Percentage of total								
		Nov. 21, 1959	14	10	9	11	9	9	12	11
		Nov. 14, 1959	11	9	8	10	7	9	12	10
		Nov. 22, 1958	13	8	8	12	9	6	2/	13

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Embargo.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Nov. 21, 1959	\$15.09	\$12.82	\$2.27
Nov. 14, 1959	15.37	13.22	2.15
Nov. 22, 1958	20.53	18.30	2.23

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 1/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Nov. 21, 1959	12.55	110.6	11.3
Nov. 14, 1959	12.95	111.3	11.6
Nov. 22, 1958	17.89	115.1	15.5

1/ Simple average price.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Sales of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market were limited. Prices held about steady on all classes. In the woolen trade, scoured pulled wools and noils were slow but about steady. Activity in the domestic primary areas centered in Casper, Wyoming, Salt Lake City, Utah and in Texas late last week where sealed bid sales were held and a fair volume of original bag wools sold.

Cabled reports from Australia at mid-week indicated a strong trend with Iron Curtain countries and Japan active. Prices in New Zealand were very firm with good competition including Eastern Europe, Japan and the United States dominating and Bradford supporting moderately. Prices in South Africa remained firm under general competition with the U.S.A. participating. Trading in South America was very slow.

Territory Wools - Approximately 200,000 pounds of Wyoming wools were sold in original bags at grease prices ranging from 44-56¢ delivered Boston. Fine wools were priced generally from 46-52¢, while 3/8s and 1/4 blood wools ranged from 52-56¢ in the grease. Original bag grading wools sold in Salt Lake City at 46½¢ grease basis, delivered Boston.

Texas Wools - A good volume of original bag 12 months wools, bulk average to good French combing length sold in Texas at an estimated clean price around \$1.20-1.23, delivered Boston.

Mohair - Recent mohair purchases in Texas ranged from \$1.01½-1.06½ for adult and \$1.41½-1.71½ for kid hair to the warehouse. Most sales were for export to England and the Continent. A little contracting was done at 91½¢ for adult and \$1.16½ for kid hair for spring delivery.

Foreign Wools - Sales in Montevideo included super skirted 60s and 60/64s around \$1.02-1.03 in bond, while 56/58s and 58s sold around 99¢ clean fibers present, for shipment. Foreign quotations at week's end with combing wools converted to clean, U.S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond, follow:

Australia			
<u>Oil-combed</u>			
62 -	\$1.15	432 -	\$1.15
62A -	1.13	433 -	1.07
63 -	1.11	434 -	1.03

New Zealand

Oil-combed

86 -	93¢	107 -	86¢
93 -	89¢	114 -	85¢
834 -	88¢	128 -	84¢
100 -	87¢		

South Africa

<u>Oil-combed</u>		<u>Scoured Yields</u>	
7 -	\$1.11		
12 -	1.10	22 -	\$1.05
17 -	1.09	27 -	1.00
47 -	1.10	32 -	.95
48 -	1.09		
52 -	1.07		
53 -	1.05		

Carpet Wools - Trading of spot carpet wools was slow. New Zealand fleeces were higher ranging from 83-86¢, while type 702/3 crutchings were priced at 76¢, clean fibers present for shipment. Offerings from Buenos Aires quoted November second clips at 78-81¢ and March wools at 76¢, clean fibers present for shipment. Dealers were asking 80-82¢ clean fibers present for spot Aleppo carpet wools.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

<u>Scoured Pulled Domestic</u>			
64s	2½-3" Ch. white	\$1.34	
56s	2-3" Heavy stain	1.05	
50s	3-3½" Stained	1.05	
<u>Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)</u>			
58s	2-3" Good style	\$1.07	
58s	2½-3" Seedy	.99	
56/58s	2½-3½" Choice	1.10	

Scoured Pulled Foreign

Aust.	60s Ave.	2" White	\$1.14
Aust.	56/58s Av.	2" "	1.10
N.Z.	56s	2-3" White	1.15
Arg.	56s	2-3" Ave. style	1.12

Noils

Clear Aust.	60s nobles	\$.90
Semi-clear	Bradford fine Fr.	.76
Semi-clear	Dom. fine Fr.	.71
Semi-clear	Dom. 58s nobles	.76

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Nov. 19, 1959 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange).

December wool tops	\$1.585
December wool	1.207
March wool tops	1.601
March wool	1.242

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

NEW YORK - Non-locally dressed: Bulk of the week's fresh meat supply sold to independent retail and hotel and restaurant outlets as demand by chain store buyers was rather poor. Outlet was fair for Prime steer hindquarters along with Choice and Prime short loins and ribs. A fair demand also prevailed for lamb, veal and calf foresaddles and most pork. Outlet was narrow for Good and Choice steer hindquarters, arm chucks, veal and calf hindsaddles and cow beef carcasses. Supplies of railstocks and pork were moderate to normal, with the larger percentage of fresh meats on offer prior to Wednesday. Compared with Friday, the week previous: Prime steer carcass prices 50¢ higher, Good and Choice \$1.00 lower; cow beef and calf \$1.00 lower; veal \$2.00 off; lamb weak to \$1.50 lower, mainly \$1.00 off; pork loins \$3.00 lower; spareribs \$2.00 off; other pork cuts weak to \$1.00 lower.

Locally dressed: Production of railstocks and pork was below normal during the pre-holiday week. Prices for Prime steer hindquarters strong to \$1.00 higher, Choice 50¢ to mainly \$1.00 lower; Choice and Prime ribs \$1.00-2.00 higher; arm chucks \$1.00-2.00 lower. Quotations on veal hindsaddles were unchanged, however, bulk sales were in the lower half of price quotations. Calf hindsaddles sold \$2.00-4.00 lower; lamb carcasses \$1.00-2.00 off; pork loins \$3.00-4.00 lower. Demand was fair for Prime steer hindquarters, Choice and Prime ribs, short loins and pork, but poor for other fresh meats. Kosher retailers absorbed normal quantities of steer ribs, but trading was slow for other kosher steer beef wholesale cuts, lamb, veal and particularly calf kosher foresaddles.

CHICAGO - Steer beef carcasses 700# up and heifer over 600# comprised the bulk of normal supply in this division. Volume of other fresh meats was also normal. Rather broad outlet prevailed for beef ribs 30# and down but demand for more abundant heavier weights was rather poor. Early trading was fairly active for chucks and rounds but prices declined late in a slow trade. Beef loins were slow throughout. Carcass beef prices declined in a slow trade. Downturns on most primal beef cuts proved bearish in the carcass trade. Demand for veal was narrow. Trading for lamb was slow, best demand for stews and shoulders. Fresh pork trade slow on initial sessions, however, volume accounts rather aggressive loin buyers after Tuesday and early decline was recovered. Compared to the previous Friday: Steer and heifer beef 50¢-\$1.00 lower; cow beef \$1.00-1.50 lower; veal and lamb \$1.00-2.00 lower; pork loins 8-16# steady to \$1.00 higher; Boston butts 4-8#

steady to 50¢ lower; spareribs 3# down \$1.00-2.00 lower.

Choice and Prime squarecut beef chucks brought \$39.00-41.00; same grades of rounds \$52.00-54.50; Prime loins \$76.00-90.00, Choice \$63.00-75.00; Prime ribs \$56.00-60.00, Choice \$50.00-56.00; Choice and Prime kosher style chucks \$40.00-41.00. Lamb hindsaddles sold at \$52.00-56.00; legs \$51.00-55.00; loins \$52.00-57.00; ribs \$48.00-53.00; stews \$23.00-26.00; shoulders \$33.00-36.00.

PACIFIC COAST - Choice steer beef under 700# continued in rather limited supply while other steer and cow beef was liberal and clearance was incomplete. Calf and veal was in rather small supply; lamb a little above normal; most fresh and cured pork liberal except smoked skinned hams moderate at Los Angeles and Portland. Trading the first part of the week was fairly active. However, later in the week demand was curtailed and trading at all points slow, this typical of a pre-Thanksgiving week. Prices compared with last week's close: Steer beef steady to \$1.00 lower; cow beef \$1.00-2.00 lower; calf and veal steady, except some sales \$1.00 lower at San Francisco; lamb \$1.00-2.00 lower; fresh pork loins \$1.00-4.00 lower; other fresh pork steady to \$2.00 lower except spareribs \$1.00-3.00 lower; smoked skinned hams generally \$1.00-3.00 higher except \$1.00-2.00 lower at San Francisco; sliced bacon steady to \$2.00 lower; lard steady.

Choice steer beef under 650# brought mostly \$41.50-46.00, some sales reaching \$47.00 at Seattle, 650-700# \$41.00-45.00, 700-800# \$39.00-45.00; Good steer under 700# \$38.00-44.00.

SHIPS SAILINGS WITH MEAT FOR U. S. - The Agricultural Attache in Australia reported the following ships sailings for the United States with frozen beef: The Orcades sailed October 27 with 123,200# for San Francisco and 53,760# for Los Angeles; Pioneer Surf, October 31 with 647,360# for New York, 98,560# for Boston and 47,040# for Chicago; City of Birkenhead, October 31 with 1,061,760# for New York and 134,400# for Philadelphia.

Note: Cities listed indicate locations of purchasers and in some instances meat may be diverted for sale to other areas.

CARLOT MEAT REPORT - Declines on dressed beef and lamb during the week and the seasonal pre-Thanksgiving week shift in demand to poultry items were factors influencing a slow trade. Compared with the previous week, steer beef sold 50¢-\$1.50 lower, mostly \$1.00 off; heifer beef 50¢-\$1.00 lower. Lamb carcasses closed \$1.00-2.00 off.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
(In dollars per 100 pounds)

Classification	New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.
	21	22	21	22	21	22	21	22
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Steer beef -								
Prime 700-800#	48.10	46.55	--	44.38	--	--	--	--
Choice 500-600	--	--	42.38	44.12	44.50	45.25	43.50	44.00
600-700	45.00	45.25	42.31	44.12	42.50	42.94	42.00	42.00
Good 400-600	42.75	42.75	40.63	42.12	42.75	44.00	40.50	42.00
Standard 350-600	--	--	39.31	41.50	39.50	39.50	38.50	41.00
Cow beef, all wts. -								
Commercial	35.40	39.90	28.88	36.12	32.30	37.50	31.50	36.94
Utility	34.15	38.15	27.38	35.25	29.90	36.50	29.50	36.94
Veal -								
Prime 90-120#	59.10	59.90	53.75	52.50	--	--	--	--
Choice 90-120	47.60	55.00	48.50	49.00	--	--	--	--
Good 90-120	43.60	50.60	42.75	46.50	55.00	55.00	--	--
Lamb -								
Prime 35-45#	42.60	52.60	--	49.44	--	--	--	--
45-55	42.10	52.00	--	49.19	--	45.50	42.75	46.75
Choice 45-55	40.50	48.70	39.19	48.19	40.70	45.50	42.75	46.75
55-65	39.60	47.75	37.25	46.75	39.20	44.25	39.75	44.28
Good, all wts.	39.60	48.50	35.94	45.75	39.50	42.25	39.75	44.50
Pork - Fresh -								
Loins 8-12#	38.65	47.40	36.10	43.31	42.30	52.00	41.50	49.38
12-16	37.65	46.60	35.10	42.00	40.60	52.50	41.50	49.38
Butts 4-8	34.00	40.80	29.20	35.25	35.40	46.00	35.50	42.50
Pork - Cured -								
Hams, smk. skd. -								
12-16#	42.50	52.70	48.50	56.62	48.00	54.00	47.50	54.75
16-18	40.50	52.20	47.50	53.56	44.70	54.00	46.50	53.75
Bacon, smk. - Slab -								
6-8#	28.70	--	31.25	49.75	--	56.00	--	44.50
8-10	30.10	42.70	30.75	47.50	--	54.00	--	44.00
Sliced, 1# pkg.	37.10	48.20	39.50	54.62	41.10	56.75	41.00	54.00
Picnics, smk., 4-8#	29.75	35.45	32.00	38.75	31.00	36.50	31.50	36.38
Lard, 1# carton -								
Refined	13.25	15.50	13.00	15.50	15.50	20.50	13.75	18.50

Note: Quotations at New York exclude locally dressed fresh meats. Variation in prices in some cured pork cuts between Chicago and New York due in part to differences in processing and packaging.

BUICK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 20, 1959

Classification	Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
	Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -					
Choice 600-700#	41.00-41.50	39.00-40.50	39.50-39.75	42.50-43.75	43.00-43.50
700-800	40.00-40.50	38.50-39.50	38.75-39.25	42.00-42.50	41.50-42.50
800-900	39.50-40.00	37.50-39.00	38.25-38.75	41.50-42.00	41.00-41.50
Good 500-600	--	--	--	41.50-42.50	40.00-40.50
600-700	39.00-39.50	37.00-39.00	38.00-38.75	41.00-41.50	40.00-40.50
700-800	38.50-39.00	37.00-38.00	37.75-38.25	40.50-41.00	40.00-40.50
Heifer beef -					
Choice 500-600#	39.00-39.50	38.50-40.00	38.00	--	--
600-700	38.50-39.00	38.00-38.50	37.50-38.00	--	--
Good 500-600	37.50-38.00	--	36.50-37.50	--	--
600-700	37.50-38.00	--	36.50-37.00	--	--
Lamb -					
Choice 35-45#	37.50-38.00	34.00-35.50	36.25	38.00-39.00	38.00-39.50
45-55	37.50-38.00	34.00-35.50	35.25-36.25	37.00-38.00	37.50-38.50
55-65	35.50-36.00	31.50-35.50	35.25	36.00-37.00	36.00-37.50

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP INTO NORTH CENTRAL STATES
OCTOBER 1959

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 9 selected North Central States during October 1959 totaled 1,142,836 head compared with 1,272,852 head during October 1958--a decrease of 10 percent. Of the total cattle and calves, 396,248 head came through public stockyards and 746,588 were received direct. The number of cattle and calves shipped during the period July-October amounted to 2,778,121 head compared with 2,700,456 for the same period last year--an increase of 3 percent.

Sheep and lambs shipped into these 9 States in October totaled 532,363 head compared with 636,236 head during October a year earlier--a decrease of 16 percent. Of the total sheep and lambs shipped during October, 163,264 moved through public stockyards and 369,099 were received direct. The July-October number of sheep and lambs shipped into these 9 States totaled 1,742,391 head compared with 1,822,619 head during the same period a year earlier--a decrease of 4 percent.

Stocker and feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Several North Central States
October, 1959, with comparisons 1/

Cattle and Calves

State	: Public Stock :		: Direct :		: Total :			
	: Yards :		: :		: July-October :			
	: October :		: October :		: 1958-1959 :			
	: 1958	: 1959	: 1958	: 1959	: 1958	: 1959	: 1958	: 1959
Ohio.....	14,385	14,163	8,668	7,322	23,053	21,485	48,577	58,651
Indiana....	24,319	26,945	27,086	34,479	51,405	61,424	116,249	148,449
Illinois....	79,238	65,036	242,809	192,745	322,047	257,781	625,931	578,624
Michigan....	8,061	7,584	5,119	9,613	13,180	17,197	26,979	36,274
Wisconsin...	5,430	3,401	2,633	6,157	8,063	9,558	13,237	18,925
Minnesota...	47,455	39,644	114,338	111,843	161,793	151,487	297,542	302,886
Iowa.....	231,316	164,265	256,578	277,732	487,894	441,997	1,122,932	1,159,218
S. Dakota...	20,023	16,535	23,684	12,522	43,707	29,057	88,498	68,657
Nebraska....	67,356	58,675	94,354	94,175	161,710	152,850	360,511	406,437
Total	497,583		775,269		1,272,852		2,700,456	
9 States :		396,248		746,588		1,142,836		2,778,121

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio.....	3,869	3,915	13,617	203	17,486	4,118	35,278	26,090
Indiana....	10,117	6,128	7,810	5,024	17,927	11,152	60,520	47,504
Illinois....	10,018	13,032	30,781	37,675	40,799	50,707	276,032	228,360
Michigan....	5,219	676	1,633	2,842	6,852	3,518	11,567	11,062
Wisconsin...	7,042	2,025	1,433	6,467	8,475	8,492	15,269	16,740
Minnesota...	35,665	45,916	29,641	32,440	65,306	78,356	174,728	199,182
Iowa.....	36,772	43,763	158,031	115,822	194,803	159,585	745,503	733,385
S. Dakota...	8,591	11,943	12,540	9,475	21,131	21,418	71,219	88,168
Nebraska....	51,253	35,866	212,204	159,151	263,457	195,017	432,503	391,900
Total	168,546		467,690		636,236		1,822,619	
9 States..:		163,264		369,099		532,363		1,742,391

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards markets. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders coming from other States from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

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STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP RECEIVED IN 9 CORN BELT STATES 1/

(In thousands)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Cattle and Calves													
1955.....	294	171	212	272	236	149	169	264	537	947	734	420	4,405
1956.....	249	183	196	216	196	201	226	580	734	1,081	794	363	5,020
1957.....	252	178	237	212	205	160	272	475	679	1,190	973	608	5,441
1958.....	351	260	285	302	277	267	249	364	815	1,273	897	352	5,692
1959.....	386	291	344	477	349	295	329	444	862	1,143			

Sheep and Lambs													
1955.....	226	135	120	156	113	96	147	269	564	513	247	161	2,749
1956.....	160	121	139	115	121	113	151	361	679	802	266	145	3,174
1957.....	201	142	127	113	161	108	222	352	502	690	248	190	3,056
1958.....	144	121	117	106	144	138	265	356	565	636	222	121	2,936
1959.....	163	153	120	156	192	168	220	431	560	532			

INSPECTED STOCKER AND FEEDER SHIPMENTS FROM PUBLIC STOCKYARDS 2/ (In thousands)

Cattle and Calves													
1955.....	389	235	323	336	340	282	287	435	523	811	692	394	5,047
1956.....	320	222	279	294	303	324	404	588	623	916	622	298	5,192
1957.....	269	214	283	339	334	310	444	476	615	844	619	407	5,155
1958.....	348	271	336	363	332	319	345	422	753	930	640	369	5,429
1959.....	390	301	380	421	350	353	373	438	658	823			

Sheep and Lambs													
1955.....	159	86	97	149	121	121	123	175	292	462	259	164	2,207
1956.....	93	83	116	105	110	125	144	236	415	513	214	149	2,303
1957.....	132	98	84	131	115	100	162	229	301	492	232	174	2,249
1958.....	127	90	86	87	117	114	177	290	494	468	216	153	2,418
1959.....	100	112	108	119	141	160	173	264	404	541			

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Includes stockers and feeders bought at stockyards markets and those coming from other States from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

2/ Excludes Hawaii. Includes inspections at markets at which inspection was started in 1957. Compiled by the Agricultural Estimates Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, from Inspection Records of Animal Disease Eradication Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Choice	Nov. 21, 1959	18.62	18.38	18.38	17.95	18.30	16.85	17.00
	Nov. 22, 1958	21.98	20.80	21.25	21.25	21.85	19.55	19.32*
Good	Nov. 21, 1959	17.30	17.50	17.25	17.45	17.88	16.22	16.50
	Nov. 22, 1958	20.55	19.85	20.75	20.50	20.88	18.80	18.50*
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Nov. 21, 1959	4.20	5.12	4.25*	--	5.38*	4.50	5.00
	Nov. 22, 1958	6.75	7.75	6.75	--	7.88*	7.50	8.00
Cull and Utility	Nov. 21, 1959	3.25	3.88	3.50*	6.50*	3.75*	3.00	3.50
	Nov. 22, 1958	6.50	6.00	5.50	7.50*	5.75*	5.50	5.25
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts. -								
Good and Choice	Nov. 21, 1959	--	17.88	--	16.50	18.15	15.70	14.88
	Nov. 22, 1958	--	22.31	--	19.25	22.75	19.60	17.50

*Shorn basis.